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Veritas luce clarior.

A Friend of mine was t'other Day cheapening some Trifles at a Milliner's; and after some Words, they agreed on a Price: At lapping up this Purchase, the Milliner told him, Gentlemen were grown very hard, off she lost by every thing she sold. How then is it possible, replied my Friend, that you can carry on your Business? Indeed, Sir, said she, I must of necessity shut my Doors, had I not a great Trade. This Reason, said my Friend with a Sncer, is most admirable!

There are many Retailers, who vainly imagine, that being *Historical* is for their Advantage; tho' if they would examine into the Reason why a Number of Shopkeepers raise considerable Estates, while others, who have set out with better Fortunes, have become Bankrupts; they will find, that the former made up with *Truth, Diligence and Probity*, what they wanted in *Stock*; while the latter imposed on their Customers, as they found had no Skill in their Goods. The Former's Character raises a Credit, which supplies the Want of Fortune, and their fair Dealing brings them Custom: Whereas none will return to buy of him, by whom he once was defrauded. If People in Trade would do rightly, we might buy blindfold, and thereby the Uncasiness of Haggling be avoided.

Tho' there are some who scorn the mean Vice of *Lying*, yet there are many who endeavour to deceive, and backing their Falsities with Asseverations, pawn their Salvation to raise a Price. Now, as Example works than Precept, and my sole View being the Good of my Countrymen, I shall shew the Esteem of TRUTH, and the Abhorrence of *Falsity* among the Ancients, by one Example.

Augustus triumphing over *Mark Anthony* and *Cleopatra*, among the Captives, brought to *Rome* a Priest 60 Years old. The Senate being inform'd that this Man had never made a Lie, not only restored him to his Liberty, but made him a High Priest, and raised him a Statue. This Priest was an *Egyptian*,

and an Enemy to *Rome*; but this Virtue removed all Obstacles: Whereas *Pamphilus* was a *Roman* Citizen, his Body denied Burial; his Estate confiscated, his House raz'd, his Wife and Children banished, for his being a noted and irreclaimable *Liar*. Can there be a greater Demonstration of Respect to TRUTH, than this of the *Romans*, who here raised an Enemy to the greatest Honour, and exposed a Citizen and his Family to Contumely?

There is no Excuse for *Lying*; nor is there any Person so despicable and dangerous as a *Liar*, seeing no Man can in Safety frequent his Company. He who will *lie*, will also *swear*; and can take away my Life, turn my Family a begging, and corrupt my Blood, when he finds it his Interest: If a Man will *lie* and swear in his Shop, to get a Trifle, will he scruple to make his Fortune by Perjury? This Crime is in itself so mean, that to call a Man a *Liar* is esteem'd an Affront not to be forgiven. If any have Lenity enough to allow the Dealer's Excuse for this Practice, yet I believe, they will allow none for the Gentleman who is addicted to this Vice, and must look upon him as a Wretch undeserving the Titles he derives from his Fathers: And that the World does so, is visible, from the Contempt put upon him as oft as he is mentioned. I remember, I was at the Playhouse in King *Charles's* time, when his Majesty and the Duke of *Tork* were there, and I saw a Nobleman who very often entertain'd his Royal Highness between th' Acts, tho' the Duke look'd but coldly on him; I asked a Friend who he was, and received this Answer, *It is a poor Creature, there's no believing a Word he says*; and tho' by his Character I learned he was given to all manner of Vice, yet my Friend specified only his being a *Liar*, which drowned all the rest, and made 'em seem but Peccadillo's.

Epimenides the Philosopher gave the *Rhodians* this Definition of TRUTH, That she was a Companion to the Gods, the Joy of Heaven, the Light of the Earth, the Basis of Justice, and the Foundation of good Policy. *Eschines* told the same People, that

that Truth was a Virtue, without which, Force was enfeebled, even Justice itself is corrupted, Humility was Dissimulation, Patience intolerable, Chastity dissembled, Liberty lost, and Pity superfluous. *Pharmacus* the Philosopher, told the *Romans*, that TRUTH was the Centre in which all things rested, a Chart to sail by, a Remedy for all Evils, and a Light to the whole World. *Anaxarchus* speaking of TRUTH, to the *Lacedemonians*, said, it was a Health incapable of Sickness, Life not subject to Death, an Elixir which healeth all, a Sun not to be obscured, a Moon without Eclipse, an Herb which never withers, a Gate that is never clos'd, and a Path which will not fatigue a Traveller.

But if we are blind to the Beauties of TRUTH, 'tis astonishing we should not open our Eyes to the Inconveniencies of *Falshood*: For a Man given to Romance, must be always on his Guard, for fear of contradicting, and exposing himself to the Derision of his Hearers. The most Historical should avoid the odious Character, seeing it is impossible to travel long in this Road, without being discovered; and then, what Shame, what Confusion follows! He is continually anxious to hide himself from the Knowledge of the World, and loads his Memory with Trifles, for fear of being taken by his own Words. Whereas he who is a Votary to TRUTH, never hesitates for an Answer, never wrecks his Invention, to make the Sequel quadrate with his foregoing Discourse; is not oblig'd to burden his Memory with minute Circumstances, since TRUTH easily recollects them; he speaks openly, and will repeat the same Things often, without varying; which a Liar can hardly do, without the necessary Gift of a good Memory.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 6.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France, and one from Holland.

THE Advices by the Mails which arrived since our last from France and Holland, give too great Cause to apprehend that a Rupture will commence in the Spring, several Powers being in a Hurry for raising Recruits, &c. The Emperor, according to Letters from Vienna, held on the 29th past a Council of State, which lasted from 10 in the Morning, till 4 in the Afternoon, on the present Situation of the Affairs of Europe; but the Result was not known to the Publick: Mean time

they tell us, that the completing of the Imperial Regiments, and raising Recruits for the Troops in Italy, are carried on with the utmost Diligence; and that the Jews have advanced to his Imperial Majesty 400,000 Florins.

Those from Italy relate, that they daily expected Forces there from the Emperor, for the Grand Duke of Tuscany, who was also hiring a great Number of other foreign Troops, to defend his Territories against the landing of Spaniards or others; and that the King of Sardinia was arming with great Expedition. On the other hand we are informed from Madrid on the 27th past, that repeated Orders were issued for raising Seamen to man the Fleet against next Spring; and that his Catholick Majesty had likewise ordered all the Officers to repair immediately to their Posts, and Commissions to be delivered out for enlisting Soldiers to complete every Battalion, upon the Foot of 700 Men, and each Squadron 150.

They write from Hanover, that the Troops of that Electorate are ordered to be posted in such a manner, that they might be able in a little time to draw together into one Body, in case of Need.

Mean time 'tis currently reported, that the Express which arrived here Yesterday from the Earl of Walderave, his Majesty's Ambassador at Vienna, brought the Emperor's Answer to the Invitation of the Allies of Hanover, for his acceding to the Treaty of Seville; and that the said Answer tends to the Preservation of Peace in Europe.

'Tis said General Sabine will be made Governor of Gibraltar, in Room of the late Earl of Portmore; and that the Rev. Dr. Bigg of Oxford will be appointed Warden of Winchester College, in Room of the Rev. Dr. Dobson, who died last Thursday of a Fever.

A Commission we hear has past the Seals empowering his Royal Highness, the Prince, to appoint the several Officers that serve under him, both domestick and others.

Last Night died of an Apoplexy, Gavin Nash Esq; an eminent Merchant and Trader to Spain and Morocco; in which last Country he lived many Years, and became a perfect Master of the Arabic Language.

A Marriage is concluded between the Son of Mr. Charles Loubiere, an eminent Italian Merchant of this City, and a Daughter of Mr. Berithere, a French Merchant, who it is said have each of them greater

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Fortunes, than most of the Nobility.

Many private Letters came by the French Mail Yesterday from Constantinople and Persia; the former mention, that our homeward bound Ships would be ready to sail as in December last; and the latter advise, that the Army of Prince Thomas had been defeated, and himself killed in the Action.

From the Evening Post, Jan. 6.

Moscow, Dec. 5. Yesterday, being the Festival of St. Andrew, Patron of the Russian Empire, was performed at the Summer Palace, the Celebration of the Betrothing of the Emperor with the Princess Katharine Alexiewna, Daughter of Prince Alexis Gregorowitz Dolgorucki. The Princess, Grand-mother of the Emperor, the Princesses of the Blood, all the Ladies of the Court, foreign Ministers, were present on this Occasion. 'Tis affirmed, that the Emperor has fixed the 5th February next for the Consumation of his Marriage.

Seville, Dec. 15. The King has given Orders to the Officers to repair to their Regiments, on Pain of being cashiered. Orders are also given for raising Seamen; and Commissions for raising new Recruits. An Officer has presented a Project to the King, by which he obliges himself to raise in a short Time, 30,000 Men, and to have them all well armed, without any Expence, either to his Majesty, or his Subjects: But it is assured, that the King will not declare his Intentions on that Subject, till he sees what Turn the Affairs of the present Juncture will take.

Hamburg, Jan. 3. 'Tis hardly to be believed, what a Number of young Fellows list themselves in the Emperor's Service. Several Jewish Jockeys are come here from Prague, furnished with Imperial Passports, who are to buy up some Thousands of Horses in the Dutchy of Holstein, for Artillery and other Uses.

Francfort, Jan. 4. The Imperial Recruits are carrying on with extraordinary Success, throughout the Empire; so that the Regiments designed for Naples and Sicily may be sent thither in about six Weeks.

Basil, Jan. 1. The King of Sardinia is treating for 4000 Swiss for two Years.

Rome, Decem. 24. The Pope being very averse to a War in Italy, will try his utmost to prevent it, by Solicitations at the Courts thereof, and the principal Courts of Christendom.

London, Jan. 6. Last Saturday the Hon. Colonel

Horsley, Governor of the York Buildings Company, came to Town from Scotland.

On Saturday last died Major-General Wheeler, at his House in Dean-street, Soho.

From the London Evening Post, Jan. 3.

Hague, Jan. 6. The Ministers of the Princes Arbitrators for accommodating the Differences between the Kings of G. Britain and Prussia, have suspended their Conferences, which seems to prognosticate an entire Rupture of them. We are apprehensive that his Prussian Majesty has no Intention to come to an amicable Agreement, as appears by the clandestine Augmentation of his Troops, &c.

London, Jan. 6. We hear that the Earl of Portmore died worth upwards of 100,000 l. in Specie.

On Thursday Night last, between Eleven and Twelve, died (as mentioned in our former) at his Seat at Burleigh on the Hill in Rutlandshire, the Right Honourable Daniel Finch, Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham, Viscount Maidston, Baron Fitz-Herbert of Eastwell, Baron Finch of Daventry, Lord of the Royal Mannor of Wye, and Bart. one of his Majesty's most Hon. Privy Council, and formerly one of the Governors of the Charter-house: In the Reign of King James II. he was with that unhappy Monarch when the Message was sent him to quit St. James's, and afterwards spoke and voted against the Abdication; tho in the Reigns of K. William and Q. Anne he was Secretary of State, also one of the Commissioners to treat of an Union with Scotland; At the Trial of Dr. Sacheverel, those who were for punishing the Doctor were not a little concern'd at a Motion made by this Noble Earl, which seemed to baffle the whole Prosecution; which was, 'Whether by the Law of England, and constant Practice in all Prosecutions, by Indictment or Information, for Crimes and Misdemeanors, by writing or speaking the whole Words supposed to be criminal, must not be expressly specified in such Indictment? But this was over-ruled; tho Nine of the Judges were of his Opinion; and the Debate was so great, that the Queen went and was present at the same: Upon the Death of Q. Anne of Glorious Memory, he was made choice of by the late King to be one of the Lords Justices till he arrived from Hanover, who after his Coronation made him President of the Council, and settled on him a Pension of L. 2500 per Annum. He married to his first Wife the Lady

by Essex Rich, Daughter and Co heir of Robert Earl of Warwick, of whom he had a Daughter named Mary, who first was married to William Savile Marquis of Halifax, and afterwards to John, now Duke of Roxburgh. He had also by this Lady a Son, who died blind; and by his 2d Wife Anne, only Daughter of Christopher Lord Viscount Hatton, he had 5 Sons and 8 Daughters, of which Sons Daniel the eldest was a few Days ago married to Lady Francis Fielding, succeeds him in Honour and Estate; he is Knight of the Shire for the County of Rutland, and Comptroller of the Household.

2. William, late Envoy extraordinary to the States General, and Member for Cokermonth.

3. John, Member for Higham Ferrers, one of the King's Council at Law.

4. Henry, Member for Malton, and Receiver-General of the Revenues for the Island of Minorca.

5. Edward, Member for the University of Cambridge, and Envoy to the Court of Sweden.

But what will render that Noble Earls Name famous to Posterity, and which gained him Esteem with all the True Sons of the Church, was his glorious Answer he wrote to Woolston's Letter to him, concerning the Eternity of the SON and of the HOLY GHOST.

Edinburgh, Jan. 12. Saturday last, the Serjeant of Cadogan's Regiment, from whose Custody the Honourable Master Alexander Elphinston made his Escape, (as lately noticed,) received two Lashes from each Hand of the Battallion, and drum'd out of the Corps.

Last Week a murdered Infant was found on the High Way, near the West Kirk.

This Day the Trial of the noted Rogue Campbell comes on before the Rt. Honourable Magistrates of this City.

This Day (being the 5th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 5, 30 Min. Tomorrow, at 6, 18 Min. On Wednesday, at 7, 6 Min.

ADVERTISEMENT.

A General Meeting of the Donors and Contributors to the INFIRMARY or HOSPITAL for Sick Poor, now erected at Edinburgh, is appointed to be held on Tuesday next the 13th Inst. in the Burrow-room, at 3 a'clock after Noon, for electing Managers, and establishing Rules of Management. Such as have not paid what they subscri-

bed for, are desir'd to pay the same, that they may be entitled to vote.

That by Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of WILLIAM DOUGLAS younger of GLENBERVY, the Roup and Sale of the Lands and Barony of FOODY and FINGASK, is Prorogate to Tuesday the 27th of January, Inst. in the House of Mrs. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of William Forbes Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the Parliament Close.

These are to advertise, That the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Edinburgh FRIENDLY-INSURANCE against Losses by Fire, is to be held on Monday the 12th of January Inst. in Mary's Chappel in Niddry's Wynd, Edinburgh, at three a Clock Afternoon.

That there are several ROOMS of LAND, with convenient Steedings built thereon, of greater and smaller Extent, either to be feued, or sette in long Tacks, in the Barony of Kerse, lying about a Mile from, and within the Parish of Falkirk, and Sheriffdom of Stirling. The Progress, and Conditions of the Feus, are to be seen in the Hands of THOMAS ELLIOT Writer, at the Insurance-Office in Edinburgh; or JOHN HAY of Candie, at his House near Borrostonnells; or at the House of Kerse.

By Order of the TRUSTEES for the Creditors of JAMES INGLIS of St. LEONARD's:

That the Lands of St. LEONARD's, alias SPITTAL, (Giving a VOTE for a MEMBER of PARLIAMENT) with the Teinds, Mill, Mansion house of three Stories, lately repaired, consisting of a Kitchen, five Fire-Rooms, Closets, Garret, and vaulted Cellars, surrounded with a good Quantity of Timber, young and old, a large Garden, Dove-coat, and good Office-houses, with other Improvements, in all, about Twelve Hundred Merks Scots of yearly Rent lying in the Sheriffdom of Berwick and Parish of Lawder; pleasantly situate (about a Mile from that Town) upon Lawder-water; holding Feu of the Crown for Payment of Half a Merk Scots yearly: ARE to be exposed to Sale by public Roup, in the House of James Mayer Vintner in Edinburgh, upon the 26th Day of February next, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon. The Progress of Writs, Rental and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of ARCHBALD TOD Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in Craig's Close; with whom Mr. Inglis's Creditors are desir'd farthwith to lodge their Grounds of Debt, in order to their making Oath on the Verity thereof, as is appointed by the Disposition in favours of the Trustees; that the full Extent of the Debts may be known, and no Stop put to a Ranking on the Estate, Personal or Real, when disposed of: With Certification, That such as do not lodge their Instructions, and make Oath, betwixt and the First of April next, will not be regarded in the Ranking on the Prices And in case that any Purchaser of the Lands proposes to plough the Ground, he may be provided out of the present Stocking, which, with the growing Corns, will be disposed of by Roup soon after the Sale of the Lands.

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